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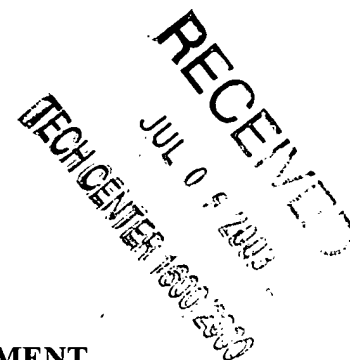
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Serial No.: 09/899,429)
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For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding)
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them)

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This statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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